

LAS VEGAS ARTS COMMISSION
Department of Leisure Services
December 15, 2005
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

The regular Meeting of the Las Vegas Arts Commission was held on Thursday, December 15, 2005, at the East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center Conference Room, 250 North Eastern Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89101. Chairperson Kim Russell called the meeting to order at 5:43 pm.

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Kim Russell; Commissioners Nancy Deaner; Louisa McDonald; Barbara Stout; Joshua Abbey; Jack Solomon; Vicki Richardson and Mary-Etta Sayles Clinton.

Commissioners Absent/Excused: Commissioners, Bill Marion, Ben Torres; LeAnnette Carvajal and Ronni Council.

Staff Present: Lisa Stamanis; Richard Hooker, and Carol Friend.

Staff Absent/Excused: Jeanne Voltura (sick)

Others Present: Mr. John Banks, City of Las Vegas Fireman and artist/sculptor.

II. CONFIRMATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The agenda was posted in accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law on December 12, 2005.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – (November 17, 2005)

The approval of the above-mentioned Minutes was overlooked and was revisited later in the meeting. (Please see **Section V**, end of **sub-section "d"**) for the approval of the Minutes.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS/WELCOME

Chairperson Kim Russell welcomed our guest, Mr. John Banks of the City of Las Vegas Fire Department and noted artist and sculpture, mentioning he would have remarks further into the meeting.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. City Council Meeting – December 21, 2005

Chairperson Kim Russell gave each Commissioner present a small announcement/note reference the next City Council meeting to be held on December 21, 2005 in Council Chambers. Chairperson Kim Russell said she would be representing the Las Vegas Arts Commission by making a presentation with respect to what the Las Vegas Arts Commission is doing and what we have accomplished thus far. She also stated this presentation is more of a "heads up" for the scheduled Council meeting in January 2006, where the Las Vegas Arts Commission will again make a presentation with respect to the granting of the Municipal Arts Funds monies. Chairperson Kim Russell asked as many Commissioners as possible to be in attendance on this date. Commissioners Nancy Deaner, Louisa McDonald and Vicki Richardson stated they would be in attendance. Commissioner Nancy Deaner inquired if Chairperson Kim Russell was aware of the actual time frame for this presentation, whether it was ceremonial or agenda; to which she replied she was uncertain. Lisa Stamanis stated she would confirm the allotted time and e-mail this information to all of the Commissioners.

b. Centennial Update

Chairperson Kim Russell stated the Centennial projects are winding down and mentioned that the closing ceremony of the Centennial Time Capsule was held on today, December 15, 2005. She further mentioned that the Time Capsule has now been sealed and cemented. She related that the unveiling of the artwork for the Time Capsule was displayed, and stated we would discuss the actual artwork chosen during the section topic entitled "Centennial Time Capsule" under the section Capital Improvement Projects. Chairperson Kim Russell related that the Centennial Commission is expiring and all Centennial celebrations will expire by February 2006. She mentioned they are

considering transferring the Centennial Commission over to what may become the Centennial Legacy Commission or project; in order that it may continue with the creation and the support of projects that enforce our history. Richard Hooker added that mainly the purpose of this transference would be to advise and contribute to the distribution and the awarding of funds that come basically to the City through the license plates projects. He stated this is a substantial amount of funding. Chairperson Kim Russell added this may take upon a life of its own after January 1, 2006 and stated they will probably look for members from the Las Vegas Arts Commission to participate.

c. **Working Groups Update**

Chairperson Kim Russell stated she would pass on reporting on this topic as we have not done anything relative this topic.

d. **Commission Attendance**

Chairperson Kim Russell asked that all take a moment to read the attached letter she had drafted to the City Council and asked for any comments, remarks or suggestions. This letter was discussed at length with questions from Commissioners Joshua Abbey questioned that the letter seemed to not offer the remedy or commendation that we have an issue or concern about the attendance of the appointed Commissioners and he stated the letter depicts that we (LVAC) are assuming they (Council) would take action. He stated the letter does not give any viable options on how to take actions. Chairperson Kim Russell responded if he, Commissioner Joshua Abbey would possibly like the letter to state if the Councilperson's appointed Commissioner is not attending the meetings, then they would have the right to remove that particular Commissioner. Commissioner Joshua Abbey responded yes, or recommends that they (Council) confer with their Commission member about his or her attendance issue. He stated the letter should give the Council a little more direction for action. Commissioner Jack Solomon asked how many Commissioners have an unsatisfactory attendance record, to which Chairperson Kim Russell responded by reading from the reported attendance sheet and stated she feels any Commissioner who has missed six or more meetings does have an issue with attendance. After further discussion, it was suggested that Chairperson Kim Russell would revise the letter to be worded a little stronger with regards to the direction of action to be taken and to include the attendance record. She stated she would then send the letter to the Mayor and City Council and "cc" the Las Vegas Arts Commission members. Chairperson Kim Russell asked that staff make a notation of the months that the Las Vegas Arts Commission did not meet.

Chairperson Kim Russell revisited the approval of the Las Vegas Arts Commission meeting held on November 17, 2005. Commissioner Joshua Abbey commented with regards to secretary Carol Friend that "these are the best Minutes he has ever seen", to which the secretary thanked Commissioner Joshua Abbey for his compliment. Commissioner Joshua Abbey then motioned to accept and approve the minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Vicki Richardson. The Minutes were approved as written. Commissioner Nancy Deaner also mentioned that she would work towards having the Minutes prepared and delivered earlier, via e-mail

V. **STAFF REPORT**

Administrative

i. **Budget Report – General Fund**

Lisa Stamanis handed out the current budget balance report for the Las Vegas Arts Commission General Funds and asked if there were any questions. There were none and Chairperson Kim Russell asked that we go directly to the report of the Municipal Arts Plan.

ii. **Budget Report – Municipal Arts Plan**

Lisa Stamanis referenced the hand-out/worksheet, included in packet. Chairperson Kim Russell asked Lisa Stamanis to brief our new Commissioner, Jack Solomon, on the three funds of the Commission. Lisa explained that the General Fund is a fund we receive every fiscal year from the City and it is allocated for the Las Vegas Arts Commission, stating if we do not spend the monies from this fund during the fiscal year, we lose these funds. Lisa stated the Municipal Arts Fund is the Percent for the Arts monies that come to the Commission at various parts during the year and it is connected to the Municipal Arts Plan which is a "pooling" fund that caps at a million dollars and we do not have a million dollars allocated, anything over this amount goes back into the

General Fund. She states we always try to keep this fund allocated towards projects. She stated we have \$600,000 in our Municipal Arts Fund and a \$235,000 in the reserve. Lisa further mentioned the third fund which is the Arts Fund which is basically a donation fund and it where we take in any revenue donation grants. She mentioned these funds are also allocated right now and she thinks we have an approximately \$15,000 which is earmarked for the East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center project which will go out for the last payment to the artist. She states this fund is basically specified for certain projects. Richard Hooker inquired if the General Fund amount always the same every year? Lisa responded that it stays pretty constant with a slight modification, mentioning it to be approximately \$117,000. Commissioner Nancy Deaner stated she does not think it will increase this year.

Commissioner Joshua Abbey related that the Municipal Arts Funds Committee, (Commissioners Joshua Abbey, Barbara Stout, Nancy Deaner and Louisa McDonald) had met several times and he reported that the Committee wished to submit to the Commission the recommendation for consideration in working with the \$600,000 figure that we review seriously the proposal from Yorgo Kagafas (City of Las Vegas Department of Planning and Development, Urban Design Coordinator) to help him fulfill a matching grant received from the Nevada Department of Transportation in the amount of \$360,000 (see discussion following regarding \$350K) to which the grant would only be available if a matching amount could be generated. Commissioner Joshua Abbey stated these funds would be utilized for the Arts District Gateway Structures which would be placed on Charleston Boulevard; one at the intersection of Las Vegas Blvd and one at the intersection of Main Street. Commissioner Joshua Abbey further stated the committee felt this was a great opportunity to double our funds and access the state funds to a significant public arts project that would bring attention not only to the Arts District and help it to succeed, as well as being a worthwhile project to launch the Municipal Arts Funds publicly as an expenditure of the Las Vegas Arts Commission.

He further mentioned the Committee wished to include another \$139,000 of the \$600,000 as a contingency figure, not earmarked specifically to the Gateway project, but to be made available for the project or any other project depending upon the submitted proposal requirements, the quality of them and what their budgets may entail. He said this \$139,000 could very easily be moved over to any of our other projects, such as the Lewis Corridor or the Policeman's Memorial Park Statute. Commissioner Joshua Abbey further related the other monies recommended for allocation from the Municipal Arts Funds are \$10,000 for the Policeman Memorial Park (Councilman Brown's Ward); and \$50,000 to be placed in a fund for a significant public art work in the Lewis Corridor (Councilman Weekly's Ward). Lisa Stamanis made a correction to be noted that the Gateway Grant is for \$350,000 not \$360,000 and the \$149,000 is now \$139,000. Commissioner Joshua Abbey questioned as to whether both the Lewis Street and Gateway projects will be done as general RFP's, to which Lisa replied that she would like to continue with the Committee in developing the details at a later time in order to come up with the best procedure. Commissioner Joshua Abbey stated the concept he believes is to open these projects up on an international level to submissions from artists from around the world and to hopefully acquire the best talent out there to produce the best work. Commissioner Nancy Deaner asked to clarify the \$149,000 (now \$139K) contingency figure by stating that this figure is for any projects to access; saying the Committee has decided to keep contingency money available, when needed. Lisa stated she deducted this amount and added another line and she would be sending another copy and stated it would be reflected in the Municipal Arts Plan that goes to the City Council. It was mentioned that the \$41,000 are funds that have not been either encumbered as part of the original \$52,000 for the Centennial Hills Leisure Center project. Lisa stated she has not contracted with the artists and wished to hold these monies, as we still don't know what is happening with the Centennial Hills project and whether they are going to actually construct an art project. Commissioner Joshua Abbey clarified that

these funds are basically for the Centennial Hills Community Center project that has already been approved and is an on-going project with two local artists that have been working with the architect to get this project completed.

Commissioner Joshua Abbey motioned the submitted recommendation from the Committee to accept the Municipal Arts Fund proposal as outlined is approved, which was seconded by Commissioner Jack Solomon and opened for discussion. Lisa mentioned the Police Memorial Park was not a project initiated through the Arts Commission, but is working with a community planning committee and Councilman Brown's office to facilitate. The artist, Adolfo Gonzales has put together a budget for his project, proposing this project cost of \$251,000 to build it, \$52,000 for the design fees. Commissioner Joshua Abbey clarified that the Commission has never made a commitment to fund this project thus far, other than the \$10,000 the Committee is requesting be sent to the contingency figure fund as previously discussed. Chairperson Kim Russell questioned whether the Policeman Memorial project is realistic; for which Commissioner Joshua Abbey replied it is going to happen, but they are hoping the Committee will be more proactive and fund-raise for this project and not completely depend on the Arts Commission to find the finances for this project. There was no further discussion and the earlier motion was approved.

Chairperson Kim Russell questioned whether we needed to approve the General Funds monies as allocated. Lisa responded in the negative stating the \$10,000 has already been approved in our Annual Projects Plan, but we just include it because some of these monies are relative to other funds and they require clarification for receipt of all the funds. Chairperson Kim Russell asked whether at our presentation to Council in January 2006 we would just need to give the Municipal Arts Fund breakdown, which Lisa stated no, as they want to know all the funds reports. Lisa stated before July 1, 2006 we would need to give Finance a "heads-up" on how much money we have not spent in the Municipal Arts Fund and how much money we would like Finance to move over in July. Commissioner Nancy Deaner stated the General Fund we would just automatically get the same dollar amount again (\$117,000). Chairperson Kim Russell then stated that for the January City Council presentation we should receive the \$117,000 and we would approve the \$600,000 and the Arts Funds donation. Commissioner Joshua Abbey motioned to have a "qualification" on the \$350,000 matching grant monies to Yorgo Kagafas (Arts District Gateway projects) which stipulates that these monies be granted contingent upon a specific set of guidelines determined by the Municipal Arts Plan Committee, stipulating that the Las Vegas Arts Commission oversee the artist selection and that the project would have to meet the Las Vegas Arts Commission's approval. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Nancy Deaner and opened for further discussion. After a lengthy discussion the motion was approved with the above-mentioned stipulations.

i. Return to Budget Report – General Fund

Lisa referenced the handout stating we have a lot of money to spend between now and the end of the fiscal year. She stated we should have the East Las Vegas project completed early 2006. Lisa also stated we have a balance of \$107,000, for which much of these funds are allocated to the Lightscares project which is \$59,500. Commissioner Joshua Abbey stated that Creative time is ready to go and is waiting on to make available the funds. Lisa Stamanis stated we have enough money to start this project but we do not have enough to cover the catalogue stating we also still need for travel, etc. This project was discussed at length with a recommendation from Commissioner Joshua Abbey that if no other Commissioner had any suggestion for utilizing the previously addressed funds that we make the funds accessible for the Lightscares project. Commissioner Jack Solomon asked a clarification of the Lightscares project. Commissioner Joshua Abbey explained this project in detail for Commissioner Jack Solomon's benefit. Commissioner Joshua Abbey stated that Commissioner Bill Marion was in contact with the Mayor and the LVCVA on receiving the "go

ahead” with this project. Commissioner Louisa McDonald stated we need to make an attempt to contact Commissioner Bill Marion to find out his status prior to moving forward. Lisa Stamanis mentioned the \$10,000 that was put aside for the Arts District Gateway project (in the general fund) for which we have now allocated this project to be funded through the Municipal Arts Fund and could utilize this sum towards the Lightscares project. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Joshua Abbey that we allocate the \$10,000 from the General Fund allocated previously for the Arts District Gateway Project and re-allocated for the Lightscares Project along with the previous \$35,000 General Fund allocation from the Las Vegas Arts Commission; plus the inclusion of the \$20,000 donation from Fremont Street Experience and a \$5,000 donation from former Las Vegas Arts Commission member John Stanford, making a total of \$45,000 from the Las Vegas Arts Commission General Fund and totaling \$70,000 for this project. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Louisa McDonald and opened for discussion. After discussing further, it was recommended that staff would contact Creative Time and propose that our final and total maximum allocation would be \$45,000 from the Las Vegas Arts Commission General Fund and to include the donation from former Commissioner Jim Stanford and the Fremont Street Experience, totaling \$70,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Louisa McDonald. Commissioner Nancy Deaner made mention that this motion would have to go before Mayor and City Council for approval at the City Council meeting. Commissioner Joshua Abbey asked that staff be very firm with Creative /time is insisting this is our “maximum” offer. The motioned was approved. Commissioner Joshua Abbey thanked the Commission for their long-lasting support and commitment to this project.

Chairperson Kim Russell asked Lisa Stamanis to apprise the Las Vegas Arts Commission of any other pertinent budget information that needed attention. Lisa reported that we have \$7,000 allocated for the Public Arts Task Force (IPAD Committee); \$10,000 for the Neighborhood Services Community Arts Project; \$2,000 for the Website which Lisa states we will utilize; \$6,000 for UNLV Public Arts Class and she states we will utilize all of this as well. Lisa further mentioned that we have the remaining artists fees from the East Las Vegas project for which a part of these fees comes from our Arts Fund and there should be no problem here; we also have our Contingency Fund and mentioned again that the Arts District Gateways project has now been moved for funding through the Municipal Arts Funds. Lisa states the West Las Vegas Centennial Public Arts Project is moving forward

Lisa suggested we have Mr. John Banks report his presentation and apologized as she had previously forgotten the packet submitted by Mr. Banks.

iii.

Maintenance

a. Fire Fighters Memorial

Lisa Stamanis briefed the Commission on the Firefighters Memorial Sculpture citing Mr. Banks as the artist who completed this project in 2002. Lisa states that since this time we have had ongoing maintenance and that he wishes to complete and donate a plaque for this project.

Mr. Banks began by stating he has been doing maintenance since 1995 on the Firehose Art Project. Regarding the Firefighter’s Memorial, saying his sculpture is holding up well, but chunks of concrete from the base have fallen off. He says the sculpture is not in jeopardy at this time and his request is that the Las Vegas Arts Commission notify Building and Engineering Department about the concrete base and have them look at it. He also mentioned that he would like to complete and donate his plaque for the Fire Fighters Memorial Sculpture and wants the Commission to consider having the remaining eight plaques in existence, bronzed, as well. Mr. Banks further mentioned that he would like another of his sculptures located at and on Fire Station #4 site, (an actual #4) be acknowledged as part of the Las Vegas Arts

Commission collection. Mr. Banks also asked that the Las Vegas Arts Commission take into consideration the funding to bronze the plaques already at the Fire Fighter's Memorial site as the fading sandblasted granite text is almost nearly illegible. After hearing Mr. Banks presentation it was motioned by Commissioner Joshua Abbey that the Las Vegas Arts Commission agree to contact the Building and Engineering Department with reference to the maintenance of the Fire Fighters Memorial Sculpture; approve and accept the donation of the plaque Mr. Banks is completing and installing; acknowledge Mr. Bank's sculpture located at Fire Station #4 (actual #4) as a Las Vegas Arts Commission collection piece; but the consideration for funding for the bronzing of the remaining eight plaques surrounding the Fire Fighter's Memorial Sculpture be postponed until next year. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jack Solomon and then opened for further discussion. Commissioner Jack Solomon suggested this motion be tabled until the next meeting when Mr. Banks could submit a sample of his actual plaque for the Commission to review. Mr. Banks stated he would comply with the wishes of the Arts Commission. Mr. Banks was thanked for his presentation, as well as for all of his hard work, commitment and dedication to the City of Las Vegas. Chairperson Kim Russell asked all Commissioners that could to drive by and see Mr. Banks work.

(Return to **Section V – Staff Report/Administrative – ii. LVAC Website**, taken out of context)

iv. LVAC Website

Lisa Stamanis reported this is an ongoing project for which she hopes will be completed in January 2006. Lisa requested if any Commissioner had any changes to please send their request to her and/or staff. She mentioned we have our domain and that once the design is complete we will be ready to go. Commissioner Jack Solomon had questions regarding the Website and asked for clarification. Lisa informed him that we are waiting for Q-Media West to submit a revised proposal for all the extra work they have done and that they also need to come up with some colors and improve the design. After discussing this topic, Commissioner Jack Solomon stated he knew of another web designer. This being said Commissioner Joshua Abbey motioned that we utilize the \$3,000 to find a new web designer which was seconded by Commissioner Jack Solomon and approved. Commissioners Joshua Abbey and Jack Solomon, along with staff will be working on this issue. Lisa stated she would contact Q-Media on tomorrow informing them that the Commission will be "cutting our ties" with them and no longer utilize their services. Lisa stated she would report back her findings with regards to whether or not any further monetary amount would be expected.

(Return to **Section V – Staff Report/Administrative – iii. Maintenance - Circle Park**, taken out of context)

b. Circle Park

Lisa referenced the handout with respect to this topic. She stated this is a proposal she requested as staff, due to a Circle Park meeting regarding maintenance of said park. Lisa stated she asked artist Christoff Koon to submit a maintenance proposal which represents the sum of \$1,200. Commissioner Nancy Deaner motioned to allocate the funds from the Contingency Fund, which was seconded by Commissioner Joshua Abbey and open for discussion. This motion was approved.

v. Publicity

Lisa passed around for review the ad (booklet) for the Public Art Review magazine, which everyone thought was very nice. Lisa also mentioned that we have put together an ad for the First Friday newsletter which speaks about whom we are and what is coming up. She stated we would be doing this for galleries as well.

Lisa said we also have some press releases that are currently being worked on and she will bring them to the next meeting. Lisa says these press releases are announcing all of our officers and is descriptive of the West Las Vegas project and various other projects in the works. Commissioner Nancy Deaner asked if we could obtain more copies of this booklet to be given to each Commissioner. Lisa stated she would order more copies.

vi. **Livable Las Vegas**

a. **Mural Projects**

Richard Hooker reported the Mural Project, like the Centennial, is winding down and stated they will have created 176 murals with 100 of them in schools and 76 of them throughout the community. He stated there are approximately 15 murals downtown; 12 in the Arts District including 3 murals on various City of Las Vegas properties. Richard stated they are producing a 28-page catalogue which depicts a good memory of what this project was all about. Richard further related that the Centennial Commission has allocated \$50,000 for the maintenance and repair of the murals and markers, which will be deposited into the Arts Fund and will be generated through the City of Las Vegas Cultural Affairs Division. He further mentioned two City of Las Vegas facilities where murals will be located; the Reed Whipple Cultural Center and the Rafael Rivera Center.

b. **Aerial Gallery**

Richard Hooker reported the installation of 50 banners on Las Vegas Boulevard from the Arts District to City Hall, which he states this project originated out of Cultural Affairs Livable Las Vegas and considered a partnership with the Las Vegas Arts Commission to utilize the artist registry. Richard stated this year the project is being organized through and is in collaboration with the UNLV Public Arts Class. Richard further mentioned that he, Lisa Stamanis, Markus Tracy and artist Alexis Smith went to the class and reviewed the work stating there are five suites of work that will be installed in the corridor area, hopefully in January 2006. He also stated there is a fleet of banners on the "Nine Deadly Sins" to be located in the downtown arts district which are being approved by Commissioner Nancy Deaner and Leisure Services Department Director Dr. Barbara Jackson and he is hopeful this will also be resolved in January 2006. Richard Hooker was thanked for his dedication and commitment to seeing this project through.

Capital Improvement Projects

vii. **Municipal Art Plan Update**

Chairperson Kim Russell stated this topic had been previously discussed at the beginning of this meeting.

viii. **Centennial Hills Leisure Center**

Lisa Stamanis stated that the construction is out for bid as there was a concern as the bids being very high due to the increase of construction costs and whether the City would be willing to finance extra monies needed to build this project. Lisa stated she believes this project is located in Councilman Ross' Ward for which Chairperson Kim Russell stated that Councilman Ross seems to be open to having art projects in his ward and said he needs to be contacted to keep him abreast of such. She stated she would in fact speak and update Councilman Ross on this endeavor. Lisa Stamanis questioned if the Commission still wanted to wait for artist Jeff Fulmer to complete his design, or should we wait to pay his final design fees (\$1,000 remaining). This question was discussed with the outcome being a motion by Commissioner Nancy Deaner that we move forward and have the artists complete the final design and be paid. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Joshua Abbey and opened for discussion. There was a brief discussion and the motion was approved as made.

Centennial Projects

ix. **Alexis Smith Mural**

Lisa Stamanis stated we ran into a communication misunderstanding at the Library reference this project. Lisa stated the Library thought we (LVAC) meant six months to a year or whether we wanted a minimum of one year to have the mural displayed. Lisa stated she spoke with Denise Shapiro of the Library stating we (LVAC) want at least one year for the mural to be up and if for some reason it would need to come down, then we would take it down after this time period. Lisa stated Ms. Shapiro stated she would consult with her supervisor and get this information okayed. Lisa stated we are putting together an agreement between the City and the Library. Commissioner Jack Solomon shared his opinion and comments with regards to the actual mural by artist Alexis Smith. Richard Hooker stated the artist, Ms. Alexis Smith, is willing to come and have a community conversation session about the mural and stated that he and staff will plan this event. He also mentioned there will be a dedication, possibly in February 2006. Chairperson Kim Russell stated we would continue this discussion when the artist returns.

x. WLVS Centennial Public Art Project

Lisa reported the location for this project has been found and asked Commissioner Vicki Richardson to expound. Commissioner Vicki Richardson related she is very excited about this project and the selected artists all voted on one artists' work, but will be working together on this project. She stated the location is in between the West Las Vegas Arts Center and the West Las Vegas Library in the landscaped area. Commissioner Vicki Richardson stated she is looking forward to bringing back the designs and estimated proposal costs to the next meeting. Commissioner Vicki Richardson also said she is excited to working with Denise Duarte Sylvester Collier, Adelyja and Adolfo Gonzales. Lisa stated funding for this project would come from the Centennial Grant and the General Fund. Commissioner Vicki Richardson promised to report back in the next meeting.

xi. Centennial Time Capsule

Lisa stated this project is done and completed. Lisa stated we went through a "two-tiered" selection process and we received seven proposals, with two finalists. Lisa mentioned we put together a community panel to select the design, which she pointed at the design on the right of the display board, as the final decision, which was submitted by Stephen Hendee. Commissioner Louisa McDonald, as a member of the community panel had remarks relative the two final designs. Lisa stated she would keep the Commission updated on this project. After a brief discussion, it was motioned by Commissioner Louisa McDonald that we (LVAC) accept the design by Stephen Hendee and continue to facilitate this project to completion. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Mary-Etta Sayles Clinton. Being no further discussion, the motion was approved.

Community and Neighborhood Partnerships

xii. East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

Lisa began by stating she had a letter (included in packet) from the artists of Saxe-Patterson, Hank Saxe and Cynthia Patterson, which she had requested (in writing) they send for clarification on the many delays for completion of this project and this letter would be incorporated into their contract as they need to again extend their contract. The letter mentioned that they (Saxe-Patterson) are looking to start on or around February 1 – 15th 2006 and would onsite for 6 to 8 weeks and are requesting a completion date or time of approximately May 31, 2006. This topic was discussed at great length. The onset of this discussion was a motion made by Commissioner Nancy Deaner that we accept the letter and state in our letter response that this letter/agreement/contract is contingent upon the May 31, 2006 deadline of completion, or there would be no more payments made. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Mary-Etta Sayles Clinton and opened for discussion. There were numerous remarks made by the Commissioners present. After final discussion, the motion was amended by Commissioner Nancy Deaner to reflect a stronger "worded" letter depicting the Commission's disappointment in their excuses of another project being put ahead of this project and the fact of all of the monies that have been paid thus far. This motion also included that all Las Vegas Arts Commissioners would be "cc", as well and that the project must be completed by the May 31, 2006

deadline with no excuses or exceptions, or the Las Vegas Arts Commission would feel a "breach of contract" has transpired and they would not receive any further payments. This motion was then re-seconded by Commissioner Mary-Etta Sayles Clinton and approved as amended.

xiii. Pioneer Trail

Lisa stated this project has been installed, and is quite beautiful. Commissioner Nancy Deaner suggested, in the near future, the Commission take a "field trip" of the many completed projects of the Commission. Lisa stated the Planning Department of the City of Las Vegas really "bailed" us out and really moved this project forward; also mentioning that the Las Vegas Arts Commission staff Catherine Borg, Jeanne Voltura and Ryann Figler did complete an extensive research and stated they did a wonderful job as this was an extremely large project. Lisa further mentioned there is a brochure that is already designed and at the request of Councilman Weekly and Commissioner Yvonne Atkinson-Gates she is preparing the invitations for the dedication ceremony which is slated for January 12, 2006 at 6:00 pm. Lisa says she is hopeful the County will contribute in helping to fund the payments of the invitations as she is expecting a large invitation list. Chairperson Kim Russell asked Lisa to apprise Commissioner Jack Solomon on this project, to which she complied. She states she is hopeful for the funding to complete the invitations.

xiv. Police Memorial Park Statute

This project/topic was addressed earlier in this meeting. Lisa stated this project is now in the committee hands to really be proactive on this.

Business and Civic Partnerships

xv. Lightscares/Creative Time Partnership

This project/topic was addressed earlier in this meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

i. Mirabelli Center

Lisa stated this ties in with our policy and procedures that are being worked on for which she states that she and staff person Jeanne Voltura are going to begin with on "how to work interdepartmentally". Lisa states they are updating our process and forms and believes it is important that we get "sign-offs" from these Departments that come to us and also that they know when and how to approach the Commission with a project with respect to policy and procedures. She stated the Mirabelli Center is an example where this form can be utilized. She stated this request from the Mirabelli Center has come to us as somewhat of a goodwill partnership as they are under the Leisure Services Department and she thinks they wanted to come to us as they have a beautiful new center where the reception desk area is bare and they want to commission a piece of artwork to be placed in this area. Lisa stated they have the sum of \$1,000 and was hoping the Las Vegas Arts Commission would be willing to contribute. Lisa says she explained the possibility of sending out an RFP, or the possibility that someone could create a piece in this price range or even the possibility of utilizing some short-term pieces until one could be created or located for the long term duration. Lisa mentioned also that the Center would be officially opening in late January 2006. This topic was discussed at length with the mention of the possibility of assisting with "matching funds". After further discussion it was motioned by Commissioner Jack Solomon that the Las Vegas Arts Commission would match their funds, up to \$2,500 for an artwork for their center, and that also the Las Vegas Arts Commission staff would work along with them to place temporary artwork until the new artwork is commissioned. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Louisa McDonald and opened for discussion. The questions arose as to a committee being assigned this task, which secretary Carol Friend read from the previous meeting minutes (November 17, 2005), in which Chairperson Kim Russell had previously appointed Commissioners Ben Torres, Mary-Etta Sayles Clinton and LeAnnette Carvajal to represent as this committee. Chairperson Kim Russell then asked if there were any other Commissioners who would like to sit on this committee. Chairperson Kim Russell stated she would sit on this committee and asked Lisa Stamanis to sit on the committee, as well. Commissioner Louisa McDonald was also asked to

participate on this committee. Chairperson Kim Russell asked this committee to report back in the next meeting. After further discussion and comments, Chairperson Kim Russell asked for a vote on this motion. The motion was then approved.

ii. **Office of Business Development**

Chairperson Kim Russell gave out a small hand-out which she wants to offer to businesses for future partnerships and to be included in the Office of Business Development Newsletter and asked for comments. This hand-out was discussed lightly with the mentioning that if and when it be sent or distributed, that it be written on Las Vegas Arts Commission letterhead. Commissioner Joshua Abbey had further comments and/or suggestions as well, and was asked by the Chairperson to review and revise the hand-out with the various suggestions rendered taken into consideration and return his findings to the next meeting.

iii. **American for the Arts Conference (Las Vegas)**

Commissioner Nancy Deaner gave an update on this topic, stating she is still working in trying to bring this conference to Las Vegas in 2007 and she is trying to get the funding in place. Commissioner Nancy Deaner related the itinerary thus far with respect to this Conference, by mentioning that Mayor Goodman has been nominated as a recipient of the National Award which is given to Mayors who are very active in art; and also that she and Mayor Goodman would be dining with members of their committee in late January 2006. Commissioner Joshua Abbey asked to assist Commissioner Nancy Deaner with this project. Commissioner Nancy Deaner readily accepted. Commissioner Nancy Deaner said she would keep the Las Vegas Arts Commission apprised of this project.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**

i. **Proposal Review Process**

Chairperson Kim Russell stated we would table further discussion of this topic as it was discussed in the section regarding the Mirabelli Center. Lisa Stamanis mentioned that we now have a "new, re-formatted" committee and she would schedule a meeting of this new committee to meet, prior to the next meeting.

VIII. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None reported.

IX. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND/OR REMARKS**

Chairperson Kim Russell gave one last reminder for all Commissioners that could, to attend the City Council meeting scheduled for December 21, 2005. Lisa stated she would find out the exact time and the Las Vegas Arts Commission's actual location on the Agenda prior to this date and inform all interested Commissioners.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairperson Kim Russell wished all **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**.

The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Jack Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Nancy Deaner and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at **8:33 pm**

THE NEXT LAS VEGAS ARTS COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY JANUARY 19, 2006 AT 5:30 PM AT THE EAST LAS VEGAS COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER

A verbatim transcript is available upon request.

Sincerely,
Respectfully submitted
Carol D. Friend-Junior, Secretary
Las Vegas Arts Commission

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